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Survey Questionnaire Covering Economic Research  
in ORR and AFOIN-3A

1. In response to your request, there are attached answers to the questions on the prescribed form for Survey Questionnaire Covering Economic Research in ORR and AFOIN-3A.

2. As a supplement to the prescribed form, it should be pointed out:

a. That although the studies required of S/TR - ORR and AFOIN-3A31 vary greatly in scope, there must be prepared for these studies much of the same type of basic data. The research for these basic data are therefore a complete duplication of effort.

b. Careful coordination of the basic research efforts of S/TR - ORR and AFOIN-3A31 would produce a much better product. The studies prepared by the two organizations, which vary greatly in scope, but are nevertheless based on the same type of basic data, would also be improved in quality because of more rational allocation of research resources.

c. That the mission of AFOIN-3A in the preparation of target intelligence requires that AFOIN-3A31 undertake research for intelligence on facilities in much greater detail than that required by S/TR of ORR.

d. That unless AFOIN-3A is willing to accept the results of ORR research for such basic data as traffic, inventory, utilization, inputs, organization, labor force, personalities, etc., AFOIN-3A must, in order to perform properly its mission, duplicate completely the work done by S/TR of ORR.

e. That in spite of extensive work on the part of AFOIN-3A31 on the subject of recuperability of transport facilities, following an attack, the Air Force has failed to submit contributions on this subject for the preparation National Intelligence Estimates. As a result, ORR has been

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requested to prepare a chapter on this subject for the forthcoming National Intelligence Estimate on the economy of the USSR.

f. That in spite of attempts to allocate and avoid duplications in research responsibility in the TSC, AFOIN-3A has paid very little attention to such decisions, has failed to produce studies on subjects allocated to AFOIN-3A, and has undertaken studies dealing with traffic on specific lines, a subject matter generally allocated to ORR in surveys of community research deficiencies.

g. That there has been observed duplication of effort even in providing guidance for research and development.

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